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Dublin, December 18.

THIS Day his Grace the Lord Lieutenant went to the House of Peers, with the usual Solemnity, and the Commons being sent for up, gave the Royal Assent to the two following Bills, viz.

An Act for granting and continuing to His Majesty an additional Duty on Beer, Ale, Strong Waters, Wine, Tobacco, and other Goods and Merchandizes therein mentioned.

An Act for granting to His Majesty a further additional Duty on Wine, Silk, Hops, China, Earthen, Japanned or Lackered Ware, and Vinegar; and also a Tax of Four Shillings in the Pound on all Salaries, Profits of Employments, Fees and Pensions, to be applied to pay an Interest of Five Pounds per Cent. per Annum, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, and towards the Discharge of the said Principal Sum.

At the presenting of which Bills, the Speaker of the House of Commons made the following Speech to the Lord Lieutenant.

May it please your Grace,

THE Commons of Ireland having taken into Consideration that Part of your Grace's Speech, which related to a Supply to be granted to His Majesty, and a Provision to be made for the Debt due to the Establishment, have passed Bills for those Purposes with a Chearfulness and Unanimity becoming most dutiful Subjects towards a most gracious Sovereign.

And as an undoubted Proof of the Continuance of their Zeal for His Majesty's Service, and their entire Confidence in His Goodness, they present them to your Grace, before the other Bills they have prepared for the Service of their Country are ready for the Royal Assent.

They think themselves perfectly secure under a Prince, who considers it as His highest Glory to make all His Subjects happy: And under a Chief Governour, who esteems it his greatest Honour to obey His Majesty's Commands, in concurring with them in every Thing that may best promote that End.

From this generous Disposition in your Grace, the Commons may justly form to themselves the most agreeable Hopes, that your Grace will make a faithful Representation to His Majesty of their Duty and Affection to his Sacred Person and Government, of which they have this Session given the most remarkable Proof.

For, notwithstanding all the Difficulties under which this exhausted Kingdom unfortunately lies by the Decay of Trade, the Scarcity of Money, and the universal Poverty of the Country, they have provided chearfully for the Establishment, and for a gradual Reduction of the National Debt.

And they have gone through this important Part of their Business with more than usual Expedition, to shew, that nothing can shake the Resolutions they have always fixed to do every Thing in their Power for the Support and Honour of His Majesty's Government. And that tho' their Abilities be less, yet their Zeal for His Majesty's Service is equal to that of the richest of His Subjects.

This loyal and dutiful Behaviour, they humbly presume, will entitle them to the Continuance of His Majesty's gracious Favour and Protection. And since the just Success, with which the Wisdom of His Majesty's Councils and Negotiations hath been attended, gives the most reasonable Expectation of a general Peace, they hope from His Majesty's Goodness, and your Grace's free and impartial Representation of the State and Condition of this Kingdom, that they may enjoy a Share of the Blessings of publick Tranquility, by the Encrease of their Trade, and Encouragement of their Manufactures. And, that these Advantages, joined to a frugal Application of the Supplies they have granted to the Uses for which they intended them, will contribute to the Removal of their present Difficulties, and enable them at all Times effectually to shew their Duty and Loyalty to His Majesty, by supporting His Establishment with Honour.

St. James's, December 28.

This Day Hadgee Mahomet Said, and Hadgee Ali, sent from the Dey of Algiers to His Majesty, had a private Audience of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, and their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Amelia and Caroline; to which they were introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

And they were afterwards introduced to a private Audience of their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Mary and Louisa, by the Master of the Ceremonies.

Royal Society House in Crane-Court, Fleet-Street, December 23, 1731.

Whereas many Paragraphs have been of late inserted in the Daily Post, *pretending to give an Account from Time to Time of the Proceedings of the Royal Society, at their usual Meetings in Crane-Court, which are contrived by the Author without any View or Regard to Truth, and merely for the Sake of spreading Defamation and Slander. And whereas it is insinuated in the* Daily Post *of* December 11, 1731, *that the Intelligence concerning these Matters is received from a Member of the Royal Society. And inasmuch as* S. Nevill, *the pretended Printer of the said* Daily Post, *is a Person, who upon Enquiry is not to be met with, that he may be brought to answer to such Things as may be laid to his Charge. In order therefore to prevent the*

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